

# ***ST. MARGARET ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH***

*66-05 79th Place, Middle Village, New York 11379*

**~ MASS BELLS ~**

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**SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

## **THE GREAT COMMISSION**

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age!”*

*~ Matthew 28: 19-20*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### SUN. ~ FEBRUARY 11 - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 The People of the Parish  
10:00 Phyllis Armato/Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio/Vincenza, Mariano, Salvatore e Rita Palmeri/Antonino Catalano/Daniele Bussa/Gaetana e Giovanni Cuffaro  
NOON Intention of Betty Cocco  
5:00PM Anita Wunsch

### MON. ~ FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Jack Sullivan  
9:00 Leo & Elizabeth Hinderer

### TUE. ~ FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Angela Lenihan  
9:00 Filippo, Leonardo e Maria Curatolo/Geraldine Ciaccio

### WED. ~ FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 Gerard W. Michels  
9:00 Hank Banker  
NOON Liturgy of the Word  
3:30PM Liturgy of the Word  
7:30PM The People of the Parish  
**FAST AND ABSTINENCE**

### THU. ~ FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY

7:00 Otto Reissig  
9:00 Deborah Lovett

### FRI. ~ FEBRUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

**ABSTINENCE**

7:00 Cathleen Bank (birth)  
9:00 Stanley Andrzejewski  
9:30 Stations of the Cross (English)

### SAT. ~ FEBRUARY 17 - THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

9:00 **Collective:** Anna & Guido Carosi/Samantha Barahona  
5:00PM Nancy Gardini

### SUN. ~ FEBRUARY 18 - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 John & Anna Rice  
10:00 Il Popolo della Parrocchia/Agostino Recca/Int. William Kava/Paul Tymus/Carmine Fiscina  
NOON Mary Ellen Beaument  
5:00PM Angie & Rick Ferzola



## PARISH INFORMATION

### Rectory Office Hours

**Monday - Friday - 9am to Noon  
and 1pm to 5pm**

**Saturday - 9am to 2pm**

***Other times by appointment only.***

**Sunday - closed**

**CONFESSIONS** - Saturday, 4:00-4:45 PM.

**NOVENA** to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Mondays after the 9 AM Mass.

### **THE ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY**

devotion are prayed every morning in the church at 8:30 AM.

**BAPTISMS** take place on the 1st Sunday and 3rd Saturday of each month, at 1:30 PM. Please call the rectory for an appointment and to register your child.

**WEDDINGS MUST** be scheduled at least six (6) months in advance by appointment with a priest or a deacon. Please call the rectory office ***BEFORE YOU MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE CATERING HALL.*** For marriage preparation information visit [www.pre-cana.org](http://www.pre-cana.org).

**ENGLISH CHOIR** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7 PM in the Church. Tenors and baritones needed!

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** rehearses on Wednesdays at 3pm in the Church.

**SENIOR CITIZENS** - meet the first and third Wednesday of the month, 11:30am, Parish Center.

**ALTAR SERVER ASSIGNMENTS HAVE RESUMED. SEE SCHEDULE.**

### **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*We, the St. Margaret Parish Community, are a Catholic Parish of diverse ages, gifts and backgrounds. We dedicate ourselves to our personal relationship with Jesus and to growing as a community of faith.*

*We endeavor to serve the community through education, and service and social ministries, and commit ourselves to the nurturing of the spiritual life by celebrating the Sacraments, by enriching our life of prayer and by deepening our understanding of the Scriptures. We strive to reach out and respond to the changing needs of our community.*

# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Linda Frazier, Cari Ann Falk-LoBello, Glen Falk, Lee Falk, Justin James Quirke, Allen McConville, James Graff, The Mojica Family, The Valasquez Family, Maria Colalella, Joan Hanahoe, Grace Sorrentino, Bob Bicknese, Janice McManus-Genevrino, Katie Bryzgoria, Donna & Bo Stubbs, Sharie & Carol Ann Slusser, Darlene Lanza, Matthew Young, James Spoto (FDNY), Bob Weiner, Rose MacNamara, Peter DiRocco, Howard Zissel, Anna Braccioforte, Mark Lewis, Carmela Guerra, Emma Green, Sr. Noemi Valdes, Yulka Vukicevic, Richard Page, Theresa Erdtmann, John Flesch, Sue Cerbone, M. Ann P., Jamie Allison, Alana Cermeli, John Mattia, Mary Lou Simon, Craig Pacheco, Mike DeCarlo, Vicki Zelinski, R. Soto, James Buchanan, Fr. Paul Wierichs, CP, Lorraine Colon, Martina Bruno, John Abel, Anthony Fiorello, Anthony DiChiara, Zofia Dirocco, Jerry Feldnan, Chris Rossi, William Kava,

*The names will remain for 3 months, please call 718-326-1911 and ask for continued prayers.*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for vocations to the Priesthood  
and Religious Life:

*Rev. Nicholas M. Colalella  
Paul Zwolak*

Pray for first responders and medical personnel.

Pray for the men from our Parish who are serving in  
the defense of our country:

*Lt. Col. Thomas Frohnhoefer  
Sgt. Robert A. Domenici  
Pfc. Alexander Gockley*

Pray for peace in Eastern Europe.

*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be*



## **WE RECALL OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and may perpetual light shine upon them!  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through Thy mercy, rest in peace!  
Amen!*

## MEMORIALS THIS WEEK

### TABERNACLE LAMP

*is lit in memory of Guido & Anna Carosi.*



## STATIONS/ VIA CRUCIS

We will celebrate the *Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis)* at 9:30am  
on Tuesdays in Italian  
and on Fridays in English.

## TODAY'S READINGS

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Cycle B - Hymnal # 944*

Leviticus 13:1-46  
Psalm 32:1-11  
I Corinthians 10:31-11:1  
Mark 1:40-45

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: James 1:1-11  
Psalm 119:67-76  
Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: James 1:12-18  
Psalm 94:12-19  
Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: Joel 2:12-18  
Psalm 51:3-17  
II Corinthians 5:20-6:2  
Matthew 6:1-18

Thursday: Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 1:1-6  
Luke 9:22-25

Friday: Isaiah 58:1-9  
Psalm 51:3-19  
Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday: Isaiah 58:9-14  
Psalm 86:1-6  
Luke 5:27-32

Sunday: Genesis 9:8-15  
Psalm 25:4-9  
I Peter 3:18-22  
Matthew 4:4  
Mark 1:12-15

*"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ"  
~ St. Jerome*

*From the Pastor's Desk:*

***“Spiritual Sickness and Remedy”***

We've grown relatively accustomed over the last few years to hearing seasonal calls for still more inoculations (now up to at least four) as well as quarantining the sick and demanding evidence of certified wellness before we let people participate in everyday activities, and masks seem to be making a come-back. Still, today's Scriptures may strike us as being rather odd.

Despite the recent development and administration of vaccines, the mere thought of possibly contracting any respiratory disease remains a real fear for many people today. For people with little understanding of the nature of diseases and having no common antibiotics with which to fight them as we do today, however, the possibility that anything might start a pandemic must have been absolutely unnerving and even deemed to be a punishment from God.

While both events saw great and painful losses of life, the worldwide influenza pandemic of the early 1900s was far more fatal, relatively speaking, than our recent COVID one. What is presented in today's Scriptures may seem to be but the tip of the iceberg by comparison, yet it was horrifically terrifying, both physically and theologically, to the people of Biblical times.

The ancients believed that what was visible on the outside of a leprous person was actually a sign of what their soul looked like as the result of sin: the more hideous one's outer appearance, the greater the corruption of the soul must be. The effects of sin were tangible, a warning to avoid sin in the first place. Such persons could not be allowed to corrupt the surrounding population, not only with the physical disease but also, and more especially, by their sinfulness. They had to be kept apart from the rest of society for more important reasons than our practices of social distancing and wearing masks intend. The fear of spiritual infestation and corruption was far greater than the physical.

Today we recognize the causes of many diseases and develop medicines and treatments. Even when something like the recent viruses arise, we try to apply practical means of fighting and containing them. Some diseases, like polio and leprosy, have been dealt with almost to the point of universal eradication. Furthermore, we no longer think of sickness as being a sign of spiritual sinfulness, no less a punishment.

At the same time, we still readily speak of the ugliness of sin. Perhaps we might live differently if we could but see the effects that sin has on our souls. We can't ignore the obvious of body parts decaying and falling off piece by piece, but we do not realize the gradual and more lasting deterioration of our souls whenever we sin. Neither do we recognize the healing of the soul that takes place through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and Eucharist. If we did, perhaps we wouldn't sin so readily or be so indifferent in our approach to the Gifts that Christ has given to His Church.

Frequently in the Gospel according to St. Mark, as in today's passage, we come across what is called the “Messianic secret”: Jesus wishes to keep His healing action low-key, lest the people were to come to Him for the wrong reasons. “Salus animarum suprema lex” (“The health/salvation of souls is the supreme Law”) is the motto of the Diocese of Brooklyn. It expresses the great mission of Christ and His Church: the spiritual wellbeing of the individual, which goes immeasurably beyond mere physical healing and the providing of social services. Our primary concern must be the state of the human soul for eternity.

The love and mercy that God pours out to us in Christ Jesus, the Physician of Souls, should be no secret to us who have experienced them. We can and should, indeed must, avail ourselves of them on a regular basis through frequent sacramental confession and reception of Holy Communion. Our acts of charity and piety are additional tools that help to heal our souls and keep them healthy.

This Wednesday we will begin the holy season of Lent once again. The ashes that we receive are supposed to be the sign of our desire for renewal and reformation as a disciple of Christ, and of our determination for a conversion of heart. Receive the ashes seriously and piously, not superstitiously. Let us strive to use the time and opportunities for spiritual reform well, so that, although we enter Lent spiritually disfigured, we may emerge at Easter healed of our sins and renewed in body, mind, and spirit.

May God bless you as you begin this spiritual journey!

~ *Fr. Armato*



## PRAYERS FOR PEACE

Continue to pray the Rosary for peace in Ukraine and the Holy Land. May our Lady of Vladimir, Queen of Peace, intercede for her children!

## THE ST. VINCENT dePAUL

### FOOD PANTRY



is located in the Convent  
66-25 79th Place and is open

**WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY**

**from 10:00am to 12:00Noon**

Most needed are **supermarket gift cards or certificates** which **we will use** to buy fresh fruits, eggs, cheese, butter, and bread. You can place cards and certificates in the rectory office mail slot.

Again, we thank you for your continued support!

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PERISHABLE ITEMS IN THE BIN IN THE CHURCH!**

## MONTHLY MEMORIAL MASS

A memorial Mass with music is celebrated each month for the repose of the souls of those who were buried from our church during the preceding month.

Families who wish to have an annual or “month’s mind” Mass offered for a loved one can join in the monthly celebration. Contact the Rectory, **718-326-1911**, to make the arrangements.

**The next memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 9.**

## BRIDGE TO LIFE

The St. Vincent dePaul Society is conducting it’s **13th Annual Campaign for Bridge to Life.**

**Bridge to Life** gives prospective moms an alternative; good pre-natal care, safe delivery and medical and economic help for moms and infants.

**WHEN:** February 14 until March 29

**HOW:** Envelopes marked **“Bridge to Life”** are on the radiators in Church or provide your own. Cash or checks (payable to **Bridge to Life**) and/or new or gently used infant and toddler clothing or diapers size 2-5.

**WHERE:** Place envelopes in collection baskets or in the rectory mail slot. Place clothing in the black bin in the church vestibule or at the Convent (66-25 79 Place) on Wednesdays or Saturdays, from 10am until 12Noon.

Please be as generous as possible. Make this your Lenten sacrifice.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

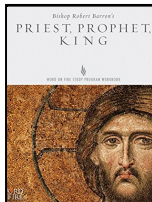
Thanks to the **161 individuals and families** who pledged a total of **\$87,820**, we went over our *2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign* goal by **\$11,806**, which we will receive to help pay for some ordinary and extraordinary expenses.

I ask every member of the Parish to consider participating in the 2024 Appeal. Your generosity, such as your means may allow, helps both our Parish and our Diocese to serve the spiritual and physical needs of our people. ~ *Fr. Armato*

*“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return.”*

*Genesis 3:19*

## LENTEN STUDY SERIES



Lent is coming soon!

We invite you to participate in our

Lenten Study Series;

Bishop Robert Barron’s Video

**“Priest, Prophet, and King”**

This program will help us to understand those who foreshadowed Jesus, the perfect Priest, Prophet and King!

We will be able to deepen our understanding of how each of us, as Baptized Christians, participate in the life and work of Christ, sharing in this three-fold office of priest, prophet and King.

The program will be held on Wednesdays at Noon and on Thursdays at 7pm, in the Convent Meeting room.

**The dates are as follows:**

Wednesdays, 2/21 - 2/28 - 3/6 - 3/13 and 3/20

Thursdays, 2/15 2/22 - 2/29 - 3/7 and 3/21

Father Joseph will facilitate the discussions. We look forward to your presence and participation!

## CONNECT TO FORMED!

**FORMED**, produced by the Augustine Institute, has come to St. Margaret's and is available without charge to all parishioners. All that is needed to visit the website is Internet access and an e-mail account.

**FORMED** is an on-line resource for adult and youth faith formation and personal spiritual growth. Some recent presentations include audio books and videos on: Lent; the Holy Eucharist; the Mass; human sexuality; videos for children and the whole family to enjoy together.

The app can be downloaded very easily to your computer or ROKU and also to your cell phone or iPad so that you can enjoy the presentations wherever you happen to be.

### To register on FORMED:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org/signup
- 2) Enter our Zip Code, 11379, and select St. Margaret.
- 3) Enter your name and email address.

### If you already have a FORMED account:

- 1) Go to FORMED.org
- 2) Click on "Sign In"
- 3) Enter your email address
- 4) Click the link to your email
- 5) BOOM! You're in and free to explore to your heart's delight.



## JOIN THE CELEBRATION

### **IRISH NIGHT**

## **HONORING NANCY MOTTO**

Saturday, March 2, 2024  
5:00pm Mass followed by  
reception until 11pm

Traditional Irish dinner, beer, wine, soda, coffee, tea

**Music by: The Cunningham Brothers**

\$75p/p. For info. or tickets call: Susan Conte,  
646-330-8451; Anne Lenihan, 718-350-9448;  
Bridie Mitchell, 917-302-3569 or  
Maureen Postel, 917-589-6804.

**Looking forward to seeing you again.  
Let's keep the tradition ALIVE!!**

## ST. MARGARET GIFT SHOP



**open Sunday,  
9am until 1pm**

We have a selection of religious goods:  
Rosaries - Medals - Gifts - Crucifixes -  
Statues - Bibles - Books **AND MORE!**

If we don't have it, we'll try to get it for you.  
The Gift Shop is located in the rectory.  
Please use the red side door in the parking lot.  
If the door is closed, please knock.

**Contact: [stmmvcalendar@gmail.com](mailto:stmmvcalendar@gmail.com)**

## CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

for tax purposes

**WILL BE ISSUED  
ONLY UPON REQUEST**

Please call the Rectory, 718-326-1911,  
if you would like a statement mailed to you.

**Maggie's Little Theater  
Presents Robert Harling's**

STEEL  
*Magnolias*

### **LAST PERFORMANCE DATES**

Saturday, February 10 at 8:00pm  
Sunday, February 11 at 2:30pm

### **RESERVE YOUR TICKETS AT**

**[www.maggieslittletheater.org](http://www.maggieslittletheater.org),  
or by calling 347-286-8508**

**Tickets: Adults, \$22 - Seniors 65 & over \$20 -  
Children 11 & under \$20**